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About women and leadership

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WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP
Lesson for June 26, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Judges 4:4-9, 14-16; 5:1-3

Introduction

Sandra O'Conner may be the first woman to be appointed as a Supreme Court judge, but she is not the first recorded judge in history. A woman in the Old Testament known as Deborah was appointed as one of the twelve judges to judge Israel.

Our society has been slow to recognize the role of women in places of leadership. Only in recent years have more and more women assumed leadership positions traditionally held by men. Our country saw almost two hundred years pass by before we saw women occupying political positions. We may see another two-hundred years before we see a woman in the office of president.

Even in the church women have been relegated to those chores traditionally performed by women. The irony of American church life is that the volunteer work force is made up of predominantly women. It is a rare occasion to find female pastors or deacons in most mainline Protestant denominations.

The week's lesson will focus upon Deborah and the leadership she exercised during her term as a judge over Israel.

Deborah as a Leader [Judges 4:4-9]

Deborah took very seriously her role as a judge over Israel. She spent significant time judging the issues submitted to her by the people. But Deborah was more than a mere judge; she was also a prophetess. God used her to reveal some of his plans for the people of Israel.

We notice from the scripture that Deborah did not judge from behind a large oak bench or from a marble courthouse. Deborah ..."dwelt under a palm tree . . . and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment." Her relaxed style surely created a lot of trust of her among the people of Israel.

Deborah was also willing to go into battle on behalf of the people. With ten thousand men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun, Deborah and Barak defeated the captain of Jaben's army. Barak trusted in God for help but his confidence in Deborah's leadership made him ask her to go with him into battle.

A Celebration for Victory [Judges 5:1-3]

Brutality and violence were common forms of behavior among the people of Israel. This is also true of the judges who judged Israel during the conquest of the land of Canaan. An eye for an eye was the law of the land. Some of the events and behavior of that age are in stark contrast to the life and teachings of Jesus.

The ethics of some in the Old Testament are quite different from the Christian ethics of the New. When Barak defeated the armies of Joben, Deborah sang a song of triumph for the victory. In her song Deborah gives credit to God for bringing deliverance to his people.

The leadership of Deborah brought peacetime to northern Palestine for forty or more years. Despite all the battles and acts of violence, the ultimate goal was the restoration of peace. Deborah played no small part in helping to bring peace to a war-torn nation and its people. Her sense of justice and fairness won her a popular place among the people of Israel. Deborah managed to blend her faith in God and her patriotism to provide good leadership for the people of Israel.

Of the twelve judges over Israel, only six proved to provide good leadership. Deborah was one of those good judges.

Our world is no longer a "man's world." Women are assuming their rightful place in business and politics.

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MRS. OTHO W. MARTIN, Jr. presents Mrs. Minerva Keepler, Appomattox Museum Curator with a copy of The Appomattox Circuit Methodist Episcopal Church, South Record Book, dated 1850 - 1877. Mrs. Martin has transcribed and edited this old record book, and is placing additional copies in the Appomattox County Library, the Jones Memorial Library and the State Library.

Many visit Galilee for Father's Day

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Father's Day services were held at Galilee this past Sunday. We were happy to have many out-of-town guests and visitors worship with us. Pastor Davis delivered a challenging sermon and the Youth Services Singers rendered special music.

On that afternoon, the senior choir accompanied Rev. Davis to the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church at 3 p.m. The special Father's Day service was enjoyed by all.

Funeral services for Mr. Tommie Davis of Appomattox, were conducted on Monday, June 20 at 2 a.m. Brother Davis was a kind and faithful member of Galilee.

The Senior Choir of Galilee will sing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Stonewall this coming Friday night for revival services.

Let us continue in prayer one for another.

The slender capacity of man's heart cannot comprehend, much less utter, that unsearchable depth and burning zeal of God's love towards us!

Have a pleasant week and may God bless us all!

Obituaries

James Franklin Carson Jr.

James Franklin Carson Jr., 23, of 705 Riverside Drive, Lynchburg, died Monday, June 13, in Charlottesville.

Born in Lynchburg, he was the son of James Franklin Carson Sr. and Virginia Rice Carson Cash. He was a student at CVCC, a member of Peakland Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Gayle Drinkard, Aiken, S.C.; a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lena H. Rice, Lynchburg; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Carson, Concord; and a step-father, H. Perry Cash, Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday by the Peakland Baptist Church minister, the Rev. Nathan Brooks, in Bethlehem Methodist Church in Concord. Interment was in Concord Cemetery.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Tommy Davis

Tommy Davis, Route 4, Appomattox, departed this life Tuesday, June 14, at his residence.

Born in Appomattox County to the late Tom Henry and Ella Davis, he was married to the late Mary E. Davis.

He is survived by three sons, Richard Davis, Washington, D.C., Robert Davis, Montgomery, W. Va., and Arthur Davis, Stonewall; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church in Appomattox with the Rev. Albert Charlottesville. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home.

Morris Franklin Haas

Morris Franklin Haas, 69, of Richmond, died June 14, 1983.

He was a member of Westhampton United Methodist Church and Willow Oaks Country Club, attended VMI and served in the U.S. Air Force for three years during World War II. He was an employee of Leo Burke Furniture Co.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris William Haas; one daughter, Mrs. Laura Haas Childress; one son, Morris Franklin Haas Jr.; two granddaughters and two grandsons; six sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller and Miss Frances Haas, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. John Cox of Del Ray Beach, Fla., Mrs. John Wilson of Appomattox, Mrs. Richard Houser of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. C. B. Morris of Bon Air, and one brother, Richard Haas of Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. at Westhampton United Methodist Church. Interment was in Forest Lawn.

Woody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Earle B. Harding

Mrs. Earle Burge Harding, 84, of Route 4, died Sunday morning, June 19, at 9:01 a.m. at her residence following a long illness. She was the widow of Herman Harding.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late John William Burge and Alberta Crews Burge. She was a member of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church and was a life member of the United Methodist Women.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jean Ranson and Mrs. Ila Wooldridge, and a son, Garland Hardin, all of Appomattox; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ruth O. Moore of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Hubert Nash

Hubert Nash, 66, of 2115 Indian Hill Road, died Thursday, June 16, in Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was the husband of Lula Bryant Nash.

He was born in Campbell County, son of the late Robert H. and Florence Taylor Nash. He was a retired commander of the Lynchburg Police Department, with 34 years of service, and served seven years as a member of Lynchburg City Council. He was a member of Fort Hill United Methodist Church, Fort Hill Lions Club, Marshall Lodge No. 39 AF & AM, Lynchburg Shrine Club, Kazim Temple, and was past president of the State Beekeepers Association and the Piedmont Beekeepers Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survivied by two sisters, Mrs. Ellie Greenwall, Gladys, and Mrs. Beaulah Saylor, Charlotte Court House, and several nices and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Fort Hill United Methodist Church by the Revs. E. Thomas Murphy Jr. and Carlton Casey. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

John A. Martin Sr.

GLADSTONE - John Adams (Jack) Martin Sr., 64, of Route 2, Gladstone, died at 3 p.m. Friday, June 17, 1983, as a result of an accident. He was the husband of LaFaye W. Martin.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Edward Kinckle Martin and Mary Adams Martin. He was a farmer, a member of Mount Comfort United Methodist Church, a past member of Appomattox County Electoral Board, a director of Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Association and a member of Goodloe Hunt Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Robin Irene Martin, John A. Martin Jr., and Sara Rebecca Martin; two sisters, Mrs. Dave C. (Marjorie) Anderson, Farmville, and Mrs. T. T. (Sallie) Martin, Appomattox; four brothers, E. Carter Martin, Appomattox, Robert K. Martin, Pamplin, and Beverly K. Martin and G. C. M artin, both of Gladstone.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Camden. Burial was in the Martin family cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Revival set at Trinity Methodist

Revival services will be held each evening June 26-July 1 at 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church of Route 2, Concord. The guest minister will be the Rev. Harold Hicks.

There will be special singing and each service has been designated as follows: Sunday - Senior Citizens Night; Monday - Sunday School Night; Tuesday - Pairs and Spares Night; Wednesday Night - Youth Night; Thursday Night - Pack-A-Pew Night; and Friday - Family Night. Rev. David B. Camden, Pastor, and members of Trinity extend a special invitation to everyone.

Service planned at Jordan

The regular preaching service will be held Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at Jordan Baptist Church.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. we will be celebrating the Rev. Elliott's anniversay. A very special program has been planned and each and everyone is invited to attend.

The Young Adult Choir will practice Tuesday following the fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.

A reminder to all the groups that are to sing Sunday evening: the program begins at 3 p.m.

Springfield Baptist

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10.

The Willing Workers Society of the Springfield Baptist Church will celebrate their 26th annual ladies day, Sun., June 26, at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Leonard Harris and choir of Madison Heights will be the special guests for this service.

Everyone is cordially invited.

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Mrs. Jeffery Lee Crawford

Hall, Crawford are wed

The wedding of Miss Bettinna Lee Hall to Mr. Jeffery Lee Crawford took place on the afternoon of June 18, 1983 at two o'clock at Fairview Christian Church.

Reverend Willie E. Davis, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring candlelight ceremony before an altar of palms and flowers.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Irma Mason of Forest, Va. with Shelvy Roberts, organist. Selections included "You Light Up My Life," "The Wedding Song", "We've Only Just Begun", and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hall of Lynchburg. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crawford, of Madison Heights.

The bride was given away by her parents.

The bride wore a gown with a neckline that has a split effect studded with lace, pearls, and sequins. Her gown had a fitted bodice with a yoke effect of embroidery, chantily lace, studded with pearls and sequins.

Her double sleeve was trimmed in matching chantily lace and featured a small lace ruffle around the cuff. The circular skirt was of lace trimmed in teardrop effect with embroided chantily lace laying over a double ruffle. Her train was chapel length.

Her finger tip veil was three tier, made of silk and attached to a lace covered bandeau cap trimmed in matching pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of red roses, baby carnations and baby's breath. Sweetheart roses were tied into the ribbon streamers.

Miss Lisa Puckett of Spout Spring was maid of honor. She wore a yellow floor length gown featuring a A-line spaghetti strap, full circle skirt with a soft bodice length chiffon cape.

Bridesmaids were Joetta Crawford, of Madison Heights, sister of the groom; Joni Hale of Lynchburg; and Kim Garrett of Concord. They all wore identical dresses of rainbow colors, blue, sea-green and pink. They all carried a bouquet of flowers accenting their dresses with streamers of the other girls' colors.

Mr. Crawford, father of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ushers were Doug Hall of Lynchburg, Frank Jones of Spout Spring and Glen Duff of Madison Heights.

The bridegroom wore a white tuxedo featuring full length rounded tails with a white ruffled shirt accented with a white satin bow tie. He wore a red rose bud with baby's breath boutonnaire.

The ushers wore silver tuxedos featuring full length rounded tails with a ruffled shirt of rainbow colors, accented with a silver satin bow tie. They wore carnations boutonnaire, tipped the colors of their shirts.

The ring bearer Pat Shriver of Helena, Alabama wore formal attire idential to the groom, with a yellow rose bud boutonnaire. He carried a white satin heart-shaped pillow with streamers of white.

Attending the guest register was Vanessa Hamilton of Concord.

The bride is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is studying computer science at Central Virginia Community College. She is employed by RGIS Inventory Specialists.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Amherst County High School and is self-employed.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception in the fellowship hall. Mrs. Shirley Tucker and Mrs. Jewell Massie were in charge of the reception.

Mrs. Chinkey Wilmer served the wedding cake. Miss Linda Anthony served at the punch bowl.

After a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple will live in Concord.

Miss Bugg is honored

Miss Nadine Faye Bugg, bride-elect, was honored with a lingerie shower on Sunday afternoon, June 5, 1983, at the home of Mrs. Frances Guill on Lee-Grant Avenue.

Hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Laura Woods, cousin of the bride who will serve as matron of honor at the forthcoming wedding, and her mother, Ms. Frances Guill, aunt of the bride.

The shower was attended by close friends and relatives of the bride and she received many nice gifts.

Miss Bugg will wed Mr. John Edward Blakely this Saturday, June 25, 1983, at 2:00 p.m., Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

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Invitations have been issued and wedding plans are complete for the wedding of Miss Nadine Bugg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg of Appomattox, to Mr. John Edward Blakely, son of the Rev. and Mrs. David Blakely of Altavista.

The wedding will take place Saturday, June 25, 1983, at 2:00 p.m., Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox, Virginia.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the church social hall.

Johnson, Parris wed

The marriage of Miss Kathy Faye Johnson and Mr. Donald Nelson Parris was an event of Saturday, June 18, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Bible Baptist Church in Appomattox, Virginia. Pastor Robert E. Lee, Jr. officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. (Bookie) Johnson of Appomattox. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baxter Parris, Jr. of Appomattox.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mr. Scott Drinkard of Appomattox, organist, and Miss Tamara Nash of Appomattox pianist. Vocalists were Miss Susan Johnson of Appomattox, sister of the bride, and Mr. James Frederick Mitchell of Hampton, VA.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a white formal gown of bridal angel wing over bridal taffeta, featuring a high neckline and sheer sleeves gathered halfway down then fitted at the wrist. The princess style fitted bodice, the sleeves, neckline, and back seams were all accented with lace appliques covered in seed pearls and sequins. The cathedral length train was edged in lace accented with seed pearls and sequins.

The cathedral length veil was accented with sequins and trimmed in lace applique covered with pearls and sequins. The headpiece was a crown covered with pearls and sequins. She wore a strand of pearls borrowed from Mrs. Helen Pierce, aunt of the bride.

The mother of the bride designed and created the dress and headpiece.

The bride carried a white Bible borrowed from Mrs. Ruth Trent, aunt of the bride. The Bible was given to Mrs. Trent by the bride's grandmother 26 years ago. It was covered with lavender orchids, baby's breath and white streamers.

Miss Susan Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a formal length gown of lavender floral print organiza over lavender taffeta. The gown featured full puffed short sleeves, square neckline and fitted waist. She carried a nosegay bouquet of assorted lavender flowrs and wore a halo of matching flowers.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michelle Elliott, Mrs. Deborah Goin, Mrs. Mary Goin, Miss Kim Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Ann Pierce, Miss Susan Gregg of Bedford, Va. and Mrs. Patricia Williams of McMinnville, Tennessee.

They wore lavender taffeta formal length gowns and short puffed sleeves and a short plume of taffeta at the fitted natural waistline seam. They carried nosegay bouquets to match the maid of honor's and a comb of matching flowers in their hair.

Mr. Roland Baxter Parris Jr. was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Gary Goin, Mr. Aubrey F. (Dick) Johnson, Mr. Paul Johnson, Mr. Foster (Jimmy) Pierce, Mr. Mark Pierce, Mr. Timothy Pierce, Mr. Nathan Smith, Mr. Roy Lee Trent, all of Appomattox, Mr. Thomas Nelson of Northern Virginia and Mr. Baxter Parris of Abingdon, Virginia.

Miss Lori Goin, cousin of the bride was flower girl. She wore a white taffeta long full gown with a sheer v-shaped yoke edged in wide gathered elegant lace. It had short puffed sleeves and a gathered ruffle with lace at the bottom of the skirt. She wore a lavender waist sash and a small cluster of matching flowers at the waist and the top of the ruffle at the hem of the skirt and in her hair. She carried a white wicker basket trimmed with matching lavender flowers and streamers filled with pink rose petals.

Master Jason Goin of Appomattox, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Mrs. Margaret Shields was Mistress of Ceremony and Mrs. Dorothy Davidson directed the reception on the church lawn following the ceremony.

Attending the guest register was Miss Lisa Lee and Miss Robin Lee of Appomattox.

Those who served at the reception were Mrs. Patsy Moore, Mrs. Helen Anderson, of Appomattox, Miss Bonnie Ayers, Miss Connie Ayers, Mrs. Shelly Bryant and Mrs. Beverly Hall, all cousins of the bride and of Appomattox. Mrs. Edna Mae Johnson, Mrs. Rosalie Mitchell, Mrs. Helen Pierce, and Mrs. Ruth Trent and Mrs. Melva Ayers, all of Appomattox and aunts of the bride. Also serving were Miss Theresa Shelton, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Bessie Shelton, aunt of the bride, both of Lynchburg.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox High School and Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of Virginia Baptist Hospital.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Appomattox High School and is a senior at VPI & SU majoring in Forestry. He is also employed with Westvaco as a coop stuesis attent.

After a honeymoon in Florida the couple will live in Appomattox.

Mrs. Donald Nelson Parris

Photo by Allen Austin

Deyerle birth is announced

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Deyerle of Lynchburg announce the birth of a son, Adam Norris Deyerle on Thursday, June 16. He weighed nine pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Shirley Conway of Baltimore and maternal grandfather is Robert Chapman of Richmond.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Fannie M. Deyerle of Roanoke.

Adam Norris has an older sister, Jaequelyn Nicole, age three.

RUSSELL C. CONNER WAS HONORED ON June 5 at his home when his children, Mary C. Garris, Russell A. Conner, and T. E. Conner were hosts for a fish fry celebrating his birthday. Approximately 30 guests attended including all of his living brothers and sisters. Pictured above are, front row, left to right, Evrod Conner, Bill Conner, Mable Conner Ferguson, and Vera Conner Hanenkrat and Walter Conner. Back row, left to right, Jennings Conner, Russell Conner and Jim Conner.

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